

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

(Large Entity)

Docket No.

S03108-00-US

In Re Application Of: Tou et al.

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 08/28/01 above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: 11/28/01      until: 02/28/02  
 Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$920 and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-1025**  
 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1025**  
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Verne A. Fruhku  
 Signature

Dated: 2-28-02

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on 2/28/02 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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